Historical Commission

T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1st floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair
Sandee Brooke
Sybil Needham
Mark Insley (arrived at 12:05)
Gal Witmer
Patsy Waterfall

Kathy Nabours
Joe Joaquin
Sharon Chadwick
Gerald Juliani
Steven Herzog
Bettina Lyons
Chauncey Meyer

Annette Campbell

Members Absent:

Peter Booth Demion Clinco

Renee RedDog

Others Present:

Marty McCune Historic Preservation Program Manager, City of Tucson

Urban Planning and Design

Linda Mayro Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural

Resources and Historic Preservation Office

Jerry Talen El Presidio Neighborhood Association
Jonathan Mabry Department of Urban Planning and Design

Sarah Herr Citizen

Debby Counseller Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

Jackie Gudanowski Staff, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2007

B. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting of:

1. April 12, 2007

2. April 27, 2007

C. Approval of Expenditures as Recommended by the Budget Subcommittee at the meeting of May 9, 2007

1. TPCHC Birthday Subcommittee for \$2,000.00 for the annual Birthday Celebration.

It was moved by Commissioner Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

No report was given.

4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

It was moved by Commissioner Chadwick, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to remove Renee RedDog and Sandee Brooke from the Birthday Subcommittee.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Program Manager (Marty McCune)

Marty McCune reported:

- 1. The next Heritage Fund Grant deadline would be May 31, 2007. The City of Tucson would be resubmitting the Jefferson Park and Barrio Santa Rosa grants that were not funded.
- 2. The Commissioners would be receiving emails to save the dates for the Origins openings. May 19, 2007, would be the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Grand Opening at 9:00 a.m. and June 2, 2007, would be the ground breaking for the Mission complex.
- 3. The archaeology was continuing on the west side. Desert Archaeology had taken up the asphalt on Brickyard Lane and found pit houses and one Mission-period Native American dwelling. Tours were being conducted from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. five days a week.
- 4. The Ft. Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board sent the commissioners a communication regarding Tucson Medical Center (TMC). They were in the process of developing a Planned Area Development (PAD) through the City. They have committed to preserving the three buildings that were most significant. They have committed more than two million dollars. They would be listing those three and the water tower on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 5. Jonathan Mabry, Department of Urban Planning and Design, spoke about the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area and the bill that was introduced into the House of Representatives last month. There would be this summer a hearing in the Natural Resources Committee, and there would be a sister bill in the Senate after the first bill passes.
- B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro) Linda Mayro reported:
 - 1. The Board of Supervisors approved the Canoa Ranch Master Plan. They would proceed ahead by asking for 2008 Bond funds.

- 2. The Ft. Lowell cleanup at the Adkins property was finished on May 8, 2007. They have the beginnings of a Citizen's Advisory Committee, and their first meeting would be in early June.
- 3. At Canoa Ranch, the Anza trail was practically completed, there would be five miles of continuous trail after completion.
- 4. The Ajo Curley School would be holding a dedication ceremony on May 29, 2007.
- 5. The office and Caretaker House at Canoa Ranch have been completed. To receive a certificate of authenticity, the well improvements would have to be completed.
- 6. At Empirita Ranch they had the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) come through and let them know of the design modifications that would need to be made.
- 7. The Intergovernmental Agreement for the Performance Arts Center had been completed with the City of Tucson.
- 8. The construction contract on the San Pedro Chapel had been put on hold. There was a dispute with the adjacent property owner.
- 9. The Steam Pump Ranch stabilization and Master Plan had also been put on hold, due to property disputes.

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

A. T-PCHC Ordinance Revision Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski stated discussions to revise the ordinance had begun, and they would work with the Historic Preservation Office.

C. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Sandee Brooke)

No report was given.

D. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

F. Downtown Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski stated they had elected new officers. She said because of the changes in Rio Nuevo, Tucson Downtown Alliance might or might not have a different role.

G. Birthday Celebration Subcommittee (Sandee Brooke, Kathy Nabours)

Commissioner Nabours stated the celebration would be held on Aug 20, 2007, which would hopefully be the kick-off of all the other celebrations, at the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson.

H. Preservation Awards Subcommittee (Patsy Waterfall)

Commissioner Waterfall let everyone know that the ceremony would be May 20, 2007, at the Arizona Historical Society with Blue House Catering. She stated it would be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and open to public.

7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Sharon Chadwick)

Commissioner Chadwick continued to recruit members and asked for volunteers for the foundation. The Steering Committee met to review the paperwork on the foundation and the filing should be finished by the end of the week.

8. Support Letter for Heritage Fund Grant Proposals (Marty McCune)

Commissioner McCune stated there were four applications that were being submitted for Heritage Funds, which include the Jefferson Park and Santa Rosa Neighborhoods, Tucson Children's Museum for ADA restrooms, Santa Cruz Church, and the Jerry Lee Ho Market. Marty McCune requested letters of support for the four applications by May 20, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Needham, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to write support letters for the four applications by May 20, 2007.

9. Nomination to Arizona Preservation Foundation of Marist College as one of "Ten Most Endangered Historic Buildings in Arizona." (Jonathan Mabry, Teresita Majewski)

Jonathan Mabry, Department of Urban Planning and Design, spoke about the Marist College and how much it would take to restore the building. He said that he had been working with Chair Majewski to work on the nomination form and requested that the commission submit the form.

It was moved by Commissioner Brooke, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to nominate the Marist College as one of the "Ten Most Endangered Historic Buildings in Arizona."

10. Review of the Commission's Budget Process (Terry Majewski and Norma Niblett)

Commissioners Niblett and Majewski explained the process for applying for funds given out by the commission through review and recommendation by the Budget Subcommittee. Applications are available from the Clerk's Office. It was no longer a revolving account, so unused funds remaining at the end of the city's fiscal year would not be rolled over to the next year. Several previously funded projects were mentioned to give commissioners an idea of the types of requests that have been funded.

11. Summer Schedule for Commission Meetings (Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski asked there be no commission meeting in the month of August. She said that she would like to hold the meeting in July unless there was nothing for the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Chadwick, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to not meet in August unless there is an emergency.

12. Support Letter for Centennial Park (Jerry Talen)

Jerry Talen, El Presidio Neighborhood Association, asked for a letter of support for the proposed Centennial Park in El Presidio. He said that the Mayor and the Historic Preservation Office have written letters of support, and he requested that the Commission provide a support letter for the Centennial Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Herzog, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Peter Booth, Demion Clinco, and Renee RedDog absent) to write a support letter for the Centennial Park.

13. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Dr. Sarah Herr was introduced and will be a new member to the commission.

14. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to speak.

15. Future Agenda Items

Chair Majewski asked commissioners to have any future agenda items to her by the end of the month. She also added that there would be potential Bond projects by the end of the month.

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.